

was unexpected as I had assumed it to occur on hills or old woodland, not the Vale of York. Clouded Yellows (*Coleus croceus* Geoff.) were seen in Wharfedale where it was good to find larvae of Coronet (*Craniophora ligustri* D. & S.) on ash and find both Heath Rivulet (*Perizoma minorata* Tr.) and Barred Carpet (*Perizoma taeniata* Steph.) not uncommon locally, though again the Grey Mountain Carpet (*Entephria caesiata* D. & S.) was hardly expected by a river in a valley bottom.

Larvae of Fox (*Macrothylacia rubi* L.) and Ruby Tiger (*Phragmatobia fuliginosa* L.) (northern form) were fairly common in early summer. It was good to see Dotted Rustic (*Rhyacia simulans* Hufn.) at buddleia in York and Plain Clay (*Amathes depuncta* L.) at sugar in Wensleydale. As I did very little in 1983 these observations bode well for the future. — M. R. BRITTON, 67 Bramley Garth, Appletree Village, York, YO3 0NQ.

MELANIC IDEA BISELATA HUFN.: SMALL FAN-FOOTED WAVE. — Several melanic *I. biselata* were again taken in 1982 — an average of three or four have been noted annually — from our Ewingswode trap in the Monkswood NNR (Site No. 277, O.S.GR. TL200 797). run by Mr. J. N. Greatorex-Davies. These aberrations vary in shade from suffused smokey grey over the entire wings to very dark grey with submarginal bands of the normal ground colour. — A. M. RILEY, Entomology Department, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. [Mr. Riley has sent us a good coloured photo of four of his *biselata*: (1) normal; (2) ab. *fimbriata* Steph.; (3) & (4) melanic ab., Monks Wood, 12 & 27.7.1980. Reference to the RCK collection in BMNH shows the latter two are referable to ab. *griseata* Priessecker, of which there are eight examples in that coll. five of which are localised as from: Pallaskenry, Limerick, 1977; Monks Wood, Hunts, 1976; Polegate, Sussex, 1924; Bentley, Suffolk, 1897; Watergate, Hants, 1898. — J.M.C.-H.]

CALOPTERYX SPLENDENS (HARRIS) (ODONATA: CALOPTERYGIDAE) RECORDED IN CENTRAL LONDON. — I previously reported the sighting of a male *Calopteryx virgo* (L.) in central London (*Ent. Rec.* 94: 246). The second British member of this genus can now be recorded from the capital: A dead male of *C. splendens* was found on the pavement of West Halkin Street, SW1, (TQ 282794), on the morning of 30th July 1984, having presumably been hit by a vehicle. A nearby breeding site would seem somewhat remote, however, the outflow of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park was investigated later that day; no other examples were seen. It would seem likely, therefore, that this specimen was a casual vagrant. The occurrence of both British members of this genus in central London, suggests that, the males at least, wander some distance from their breeding sites. — A. P. FOSTER, c/o The Nature Conservancy Council, 19/20 Belgrave Square, London, SW1 8PY.